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■ **LHIN REPORT**

Health services fights to keep bed

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board fell in line with popular opinion that the obstetrics bed at Haliburton hospital should be preserved, despite a report from the regional hospital board stating the contrary.

At its meeting March 26, all members of the HHHS board agreed that taking away the hospital's right to do elective deliveries was a detriment to the public and to the hospital.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush will forward those views to the Local Health Integration Network for the central east region in hopes that the group will make changes to the recommendations first publicized mid-February.

"The elimination of the elective obstetrical services from our health services is not a popular decision at all in our community and that's been evidenced through community consultation, it's been reinforced through response in the media," Rosebush said.

The idea of removing the bed was originally floated in the clinical services plan, a document prepared for the LHIN by

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

What's your move?

Almost 300 students from across the district converged in Haliburton on Friday to test their chess strategies. Archan Patel of Stuart Baker Elementary School tried to guess what his opponent's next move will be. More photos and story on page 19.

■ **LIBERAL BUDGET**

Tax reform beneficial: Johnson

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The decision may have been controversial, but newly minted Liberal MPP Rick Johnson thinks his constituents will ultimately benefit from the harmonized sales tax proposed in his government's provincial budget.

Announced by finance minister Dwight Duncan on March 26, the decision to combine the provincial and federal taxes on consumer goods has vastly overshadowed the other components of the provincial budget, such as \$32.5 billion for infrastructure over two years and \$5 million yearly for rent banks.

Johnson seemed to understand the concern – noting he originally had concerns himself – but said ultimately constituents, and in particular small-business owners, would be better off.

"Businesses through this new taxation ... will be saving money. Businesses have been screaming to get this done," he said.

"Depending on the size of your business, if you are currently having your accountants or bookkeepers filling out two different forms, sending them in, it's double the work. Now it's a single form, send it in and businesses say that will increase their efficiency and productivity," he said.

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HIGHLAND CUP UPDATE

Snowmobile race is back on

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The Highland Cup is back on for 2010 with a new funding and marketing model and new energy from its organizer Harold Foyster.

The snowmobile race launched in 2008 was cancelled this year for lack of sponsors and Foyster was unsure whether it would ever run again, despite enthusiasm from riders and spectators of the race.

But when Foyster measured the positive impact the event had on the community last winter, he decided to give it another shot. "Haliburton needs something like this," he said in an interview.

"I got a lot of emails from fans of the race," he said.

At a banquet held Saturday for promoters and riders, Foyster was able to secure the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2010.

After hearing about the need for sponsors, Foyster said some people stepped up to donate to the race that is held on Head Lake, but he's still far from raising all of the money necessary. What's different this year is that he's finding sponsors now – a whole year before the event. Foyster hopes to have all of them lined up by summer so that he can have their names printed in all of his promotional material.

He's also going to market the race in Barrie, Kawartha Lakes and Toronto.

In 2008 there were 1,500 spectators and participants. In 2010 he's hoping for twice that number – a huge surge of tourists for the county in a slow season.

"In the long range it will bring people into the area," he said, noting that three people have told him they bought cottages in the Highlands after coming up to see the Highland Cup. "It will take a few years to get the word out ... [but eventually] people will come to recognize the name Highland Cup."

Lesters have ATVing and snowmobiling covered

South Lake's Lester family has the world of snowmobiling and ATVing covered.

They've just purchased SnowTrax and Dirt Trax television.

The Lesters already own the Supertrax International magazine and the All-Terrain Vehicle magazine and Luke Lester has been co-hosting the television shows for two years.

A press release says the purchase of the television programs create "significant multimedia synergies amongst the businesses."

The press release says, "Luke who was raised on snowmobiles, is a national Sno-X champion and life long ATV enthusiast. He quickly became a fan favorite with the viewers of both shows. His depth of knowledge, opinions and talented riding skills on snowmobiles and ATVs resonate with what enthusiasts are looking for from a television program. Luke's strong editorial base and creative approach to storytelling will keep the shows in the forefront as SnowTrax and Dirt Trax continue to break ground in their ever-growing fan base."

"The successful format of both shows will remain largely intact with some tweaks to show content, and the expanded role of Taera McLean as a co-host for Dirt Trax Television along with guest contributors from the popular magazine publications."

"Taera came on-board as a contributor to SnowTrax this past winter and has proven to be not just a great TV personality but a tried and true snowmobile and ATV enthusiast."

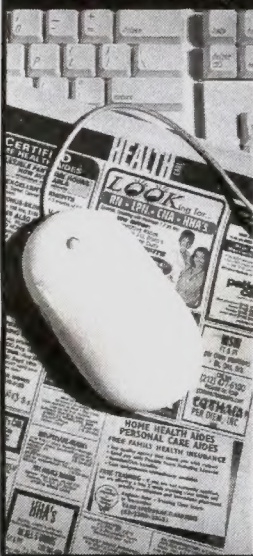
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THE TRUTH ABOUT RUMOURS

Family's grief exposes how words can hurt

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

On the day that she received the autopsy report about her son's death, Wendy Gunning was standing in a line-up at a Haliburton restaurant. She could hear the gossip swirling around her: "Did you hear that ...", "So-and-so told me that ..."

No one realized that the mother of the person they were gossiping about was able to hear every word they were saying. It's not that Wendy hadn't heard all the stories before – that Mike Gunning had been beaten to death, his face so badly bashed in that it was unrecognizable; that he had died after being pushed face first into a snow bank; that he had died of a drug overdose; that he had committed suicide. It's just that she knew how wrong those rumours were, and she knew how cruel those rumours could be.

"Words hurt and you can't take back some of these things," she says.

She's grown to hate those rumours so much she woke up at four in the morning last week with what she calls an overwhelming desire to express "RAGE – Rumours And Gossip Exposed."

She wants people to think about what they say before they talk about things they know little about. She wants them to be aware of the impact those words have on the people left behind – the mothers, brothers, grandfathers, daughters. She wants them to know that she was so upset by the rumours that she was too embarrassed to write a death notice. She couldn't bear the thought of what people would say when they saw the death notice on the post office wall or in the newspaper.

"That's what the rumours did to me. I was not allowed the dignity and Mike was not allowed the grace to have his death properly acknowledged," she says.

But above all, she wants everyone to know the truth about her son's death, the truth revealed by the coroner's autopsy report. Mike Gunning died of a massive heart attack. No one killed him. He didn't overdose. He didn't kill himself. The rumours were all wrong.

There's no doubt that Mike Gunning was a complicated man. Intensely intelligent, he liked to read books that challenged his mind and then he liked to engage in discussions about what he'd learned. He loved golf. In golf, the only person you need to beat is yourself, and he thrived on that challenge. There's not a sport he didn't try. He laughed a lot and he loved deeply.

In his moving and passionate eulogy, his younger brother DJ said, "Mentally, Mike was as tough as it gets. He had a very tall wall built around him for most of his life and if you were lucky enough to get access to the other side of that wall you saw an extremely bright, loving, caring and extremely conscious mind at work."

But Mike was emotionally tough, too, sometimes so tough that he didn't want to ask for help to cope with some of life's stresses. His inclination to try to deal with things himself was compounded by the fact that Mike was intensely private.

Early in his life, Mike Gunning faced several potentially debilitating health issues such as arthritis and intense back pain, issues that most people don't have to face until they're much older.

On top of that, he suffered depression.

Last year, life's challenges overwhelmed Mike and he coped by abusing drugs and alcohol. The control over his life that he had strived for was gone. The man who, through careful savings, owned two houses and had maxed out his RRSPs in his early thirties was temporarily lost.

Wendy doesn't pretend that Mike was an angel.

"Yes, he drank, yes he smoked, yes he ate fatty foods,



Golf club in hand, Mike Gunning, centre, was in his element during a golfing vacation with his mother Wendy and brother DJ. Mike died of a massive heart attack on March 22 at the age of 35 but the rumours that were spread afterwards told a different story.

yes he used drugs, yes he drove when he should not have, yes he could be loud and obnoxious," she says. But he was also so much more than that.

In the past year, she tried to persuade him to seek help but until he said the words "I need help," her hands were tied.

That moment came a week before Mike's death. Although he'd had a couple of months of getting his life back on track, on Friday the 13th a few small incidents piled onto one another. He drank too much and crashed emotionally. He called his brother DJ in Vancouver and set in motion the process to get help.

Depression is a hard thing for many people to understand. They might think that being depressed is a choice that people make, that if they just think happy thoughts, depression will go away. But depression comes from a chemical imbalance in the brain, sparked by genetics, a traumatic experience or long-term stress. It is not simply a mental state of mind. It becomes physical and physiological.

Mike was given medication to restore this chemical balance but the medication also created its own complications. In the first few days, it took away his energy and spark. Then, as his body adjusted, he returned to work for half days at the family's business, County Commercial Printers. "He was so glad to know that he wasn't going to have to relive the year of hell he'd been through," his mother says.

On Saturday, March 21, Wendy drove Mike to a friend's house. During that drive, the two had a good talk, sharing their perspectives about life. He had plans to see his daughter the next day for a belated celebration of his 35th

birthday. There were things he was looking forward to.

He died that night.

Wendy sees Mike's first 35 years as an 18-hole round of golf. He'd played his game, sometimes well, sometimes badly. He was about to start another 18-hole round to beat his score.

"That's where he would have won," Wendy says, because above all, "Mike hated losing."

DJ notes that we all have bad years. "We all have times when we're overwhelmed or do things we wish we hadn't. But most of us are given the chance to move on from those times. Because Mike died when he was just starting to emerge from his dark time, people are concentrating on the bad. It's blinding them to all that was good about Mike, the good things he should be remembered for."

On the morning of March 22, Wendy went into town to get some cold medication, stopping by Subway to pick up lunch for her and her partner Bryce Blair. They were back at home when a friend of Mike's called. Bryce answered the phone. The friend wanted to know if there was anything he could do for Wendy. Bryce asked what he meant. Didn't they know? Mike had died.

Assuming Mike had been taken to hospital, Wendy and Bryce went to the Haliburton Hospital, where they were told to call the police. An officer arrived a short time later. He said he was unable to say whether it was Mike who had died but he asked Wendy for Mike's dental records. She should go home and wait for the police to call.

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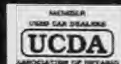
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Mother wants everyone to learn something from her son's death

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"You cannot imagine the nightmare I lived thinking that Mike was somewhere without me, thinking he'd been beaten to a pulp" she says.

The police say that asking for dental records was simply procedure. Mike had spent the night at a friend's house in West Guilford and because he was so young, police were treating his death as suspicious, which is also police procedure. An officer was posted outside the house, the yellow tape was put up.

Whether the police intended it or not, asking for dental records made Wendy think that they could not identify Mike through other means. It's not that Mike hadn't had his run-ins with police; he knew them and they knew him. She thought that if police were asking dental records, things were bad.

Wendy says, "The implication was there even if the words were not. The police have to consider the state of mind we were in."

Friends from across Canada and the United States had heard of Mike's death and were calling to express their condolences and yet the police weren't confirming that Mike was dead.

Meanwhile, Wendy had called Barry Cray at Monk's Funeral Home to tell him that she wanted him to take care of all aspects of Mike's death. She has nothing but respect and praise for the way Cray acted as her designate.

There was no phone call from police until five o'clock Monday morning when Wendy was asked to go to Monk's Funeral Home to identify the body. It had been a night of incredible anguish. In the past five years she's lost her husband, her mother and a brother but the grief over losing a son was different.

That anguish turned to anger when she saw Mike. He looked perfectly normal. No one could ever have any doubt that it was Mike. Why would they?

"It was cruel," she says of what she had to deal with that first day. "It would have taken one police officer five minutes to drive out to my house and all he would have had to say is, 'Wendy, it doesn't look good.'"

As much as Mike's death revealed the things about small town life that Wendy can't abide — the rumours, the rush to judgment — it also exposed, yet again, all that is good about Haliburton. A few days

after Mike died, Wendy and Bryce woke up to find their kitchen counter covered with food. The door had been unlocked and people came in with their gifts and quietly left.

One of the things that Wendy learned after the death of her husband John was that people don't have to worry about what to say to someone who's grieving. All they need to say is "I'm sorry." Through cards and phone calls, people have been doing just that, and Wendy is grateful.

She's also grateful for the commitment and dedication of the "wonderful staff" at County Commercial Printers.

They had to work through their own period of grieving for Mike, a friend and co-worker, and they will continue to work to ensure the business continues to thrive.

Wendy and Bryce are going away for a brief time. "I'm leaving town but I'm not running away," she says. "I need a mental break and I need to grieve."

She has so many things she wants people to learn from Mike's death. She wants parents to be aware of what their children are doing. "I don't care whether your kid is 13 or 35 — pay attention."

She wants young people to know that drugs and alcohol are not harmless diversions in a town where "there's nothing else to do." They can take you down paths that lead you to places you don't want to be.

She wants the rumours to stop and the people who spread rumours to realize the harmful impact the words can have.

She wants the police to be more sensitive. A few days ago, the lead officer explained the police procedure in such cases to her, and while she understands why the police had to do what they did, she believes that this should have been explained to her on that first day.

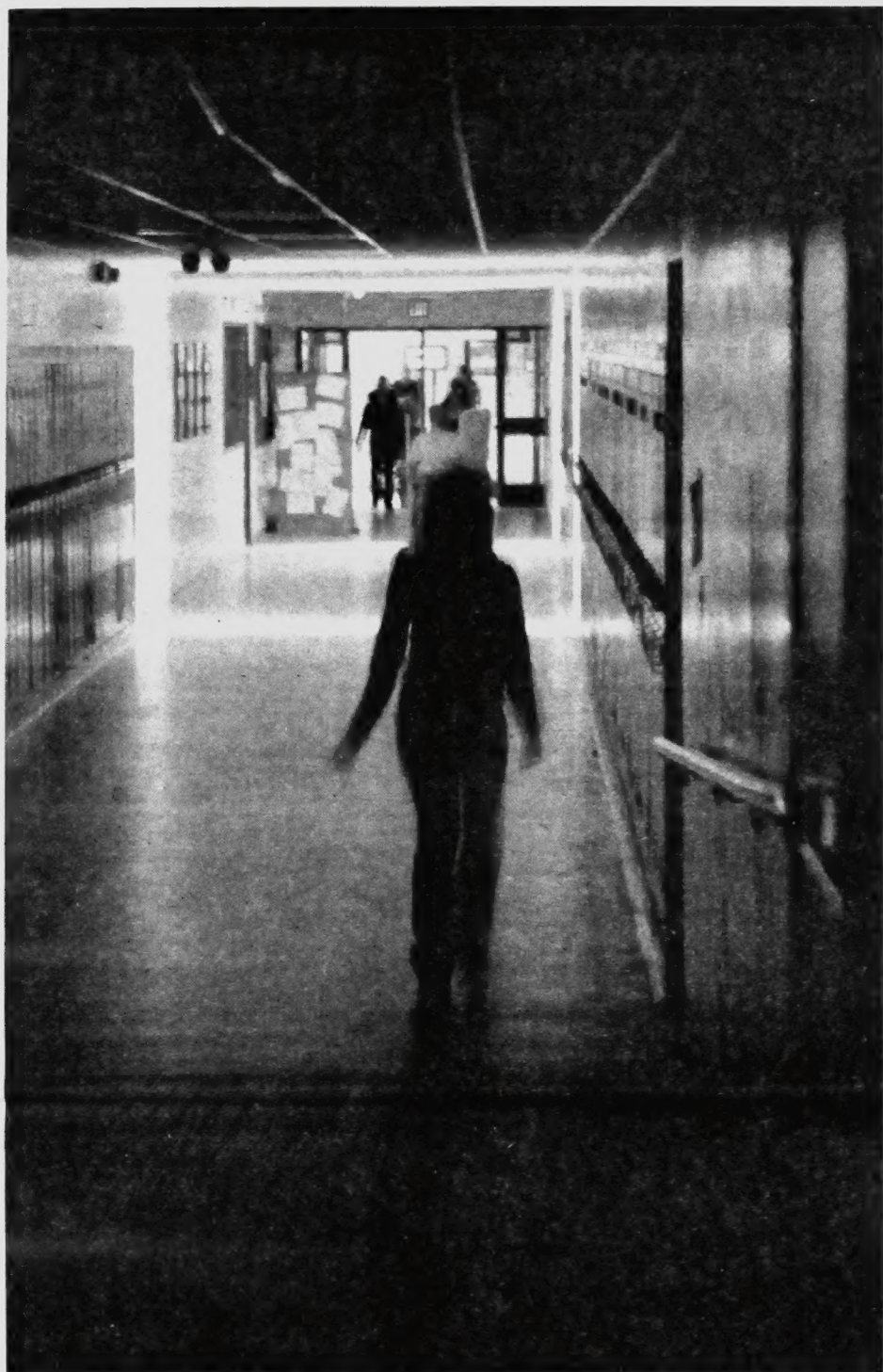
And she wants people to remember all the good things about Michael Christopher William Gunning.

DJ Gunning wants people to get over all the gossip and speculation about how Mike died — the news story — and concentrate on the loss of Mike the man. At the end of his eulogy he gave the small group of family and friends this message:

"We are all here today because Mike has died. This is true. But there's one thing I need you to remember and take away from this day forward...

"It's that he lived.

"Mike lived."



JENN WAT / ECHO

Lights out

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School joined other schools across the district and created its own earth hour Friday by turning the lights out for the last hour of school for the week. Earth Hour was observed across the world Saturday when people turned their lights off for one hour. In Toronto, demand dropped by 15 per cent between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Laurie Scott volunteers as chief of staff for PC leader

Laurie Scott will be volunteering her assistance in the Opposition Leader's Office as chief of staff, and Allan Williams has been appointed as Deputy Chief of Staff.

"Our party and our caucus are focused on moving forward," Ontario PC Interim Leader Bob Runciman said in a press release. "Laurie's experience both inside and outside of the legislature, along with her commitment to getting us ready for the 2011 election will provide a valuable focus and direction. Laurie's offer to give her time in that capacity is graciously accepted."

Scott recently took on the role of chair

of election readiness for the Ontario PC Party after resigning as MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in January of 2009.

"It has been an honour to be a member of the PC caucus for the past six years," said Scott. "I'm pleased to offer my time, experience and energy to our leader, along with working hard to help hold Dalton McGuinty to account for his failed leadership to Ontarians."

The PC Party will hold a convention to choose a new leader on June 27. The position was opened after John Tory resigned on March 6, a day after losing the byelection.

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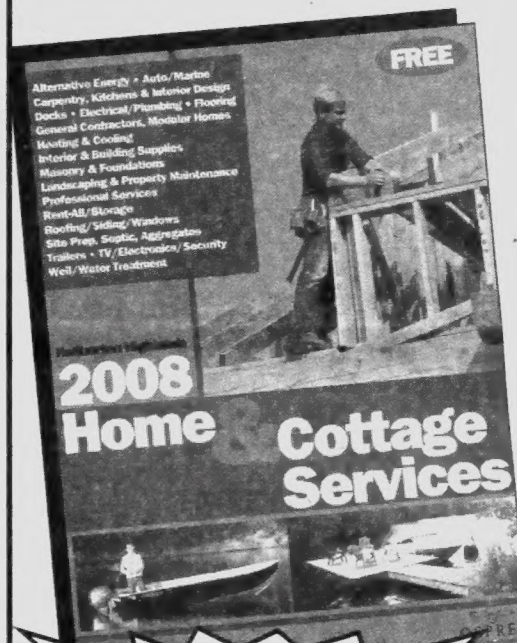
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Lessons learned?

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But in the absence of knowledge about why or how someone died, it's wrong to try to fill in the blanks ourselves. Death can be as complicated as life and we risk too much by getting it wrong.

When Mike Gunning died on March 22, less than two weeks after his 35th birthday, there was immediate speculation about what had happened. This natural curiosity was compounded by the fact that because he was so young, the police became involved. The yellow police tape that surrounded the house where he died instantly sparked curiosity.

Far too quickly, however, curiosity turned to rumours and gossip. There likely was no willful intent to spread misinformation but the result was damaging nonetheless. The names of people who had "murdered" Mike were shared. The "cause" of his death was told with equal confidence. The variations and scope of the rumours were stupefying; especially since an autopsy a few days later revealed that Mike had died of a massive heart attack.

What do we do with all those rumours now? Where do we put them? Do we shrug them off or apologize for the deep hurt they caused, whether to Mike's family or the people supposedly implicated in his "murder"?

The hurt is out there. It's real. It's so real that Mike's mother was too embarrassed to issue a death notice. Wendy Gunning didn't want to risk overhearing someone say, "Oh, that's the man who was beaten up" or, "Didn't he die of a drug overdose?" The unimaginable pain she was going through as a mother whose son had died would have been made so much worse.

It takes a lot of courage for Wendy Gunning to publicly say "Stop! Stop the rumours. Stop the innuendo. Remember that the person you are talking about is a son, a brother, a grandson, a father, a friend." She spoke out because she didn't want the last things said about her son to be false and for Mike's daughter to grow up in a community that believed such things to be true.

There are so many lessons to be learned in the story about Mike's death. We all have a responsibility to heed them. Know that actions have consequences. Know that words hurt. Learn patience. Go beyond the news of someone's death and mourn the person who is gone.

Mike's brother DJ put it so well in his eulogy. With a wisdom gained far too early, DJ gently reminded everyone that by concentrating on how Mike died we had all forgotten that Mike had lived.

Peace to his soul.

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editorial

martha perkins



The human touch

Photo by Martha Perkins

Ready for the next Ice Age

Since the next full-blown ice age is a mere 80,000 years away, there's no sense putting off preparations till it's sliding down Highway 35. The fact is we're in an ice age right now. It started about two million years ago, and despite many warmish periods, such as the present era (a ten-thousand-year warm phase that has taken us from living in caves to camping in a space station twirling around the planet), as long as there is at least one large sheet of ice (like the one over Antarctica) we are considered to be in some semblance of an ice age.

Scientists recognize at least seven major ice ages over the past 2,400 million years. These are special because of their severity or their longevity and, as strange as it seems to us, these ice ages are the norm and our temperate climate is the exception.

But take heart. Even during these major ice ages, there are parts of the earth that aren't ground into muck by mile-high sliding ice sheets. Regions that lie too far south, or are too dry to form glaciers, or are just too high in elevation for the ice to cover them, are safe havens for plant and animal life to survive until the glaciers decide to recede back to the poles. These glacier-free zones are called Refugia and they are where some lucky species (including us) will gather to continue our lines.

Bones found in Canada, especially in the Yukon's Old Crow Basin, show a very scary assortment of animals who eventually succumbed to climate change among other problems. These include woolly mammoths, mastodons, giant beavers, small horses, camels, cow-sized ground sloths, American scimitar cats and huge lions. And while these beasts died out, wolves, caribou, muskoxen, moose and many lesser animals were

able to survive.

The giant beaver was about the size of a black bear and was found in the Toronto area, I guess before they were chased out by raccoons. Just kidding. The demise of the giant beaver was mostly caused by the rise of the smaller (today's) version of beaver, which was better equipped to dominate the food supply. So bigger isn't always better.

Even mastodons and mammoths died out due to diminishing territory, and with their demise, the American scimitar cats (much like the sabre-tooth tiger) also died out as the young mammoths and mastodons made up their main food source.

Cave lions, the subspecies of today's African lion were plentiful over the grasslands of North America, feasting on an abundant stock of bison and horses. These lions were huge, about 25 per cent bigger than the African version. But the most interesting and unknown fact is, the North American camel.

Yes. The camel actually originated in North America, living in large numbers from central Mexico through the western United States and into southwestern Canada. They are believed to have reached Yukon and Alaska by migrating along the eastern flanks of the Rocky Mountains during a relatively warm phase some 50,000 years ago. They grew thick pelts to survive our frigid northern weather.

So, let's hear it for camels! Not only able to adapt to North America's coldest climes but the sweltering Middle Eastern deserts. The only other animal to show such adaptability is man. (Okay, also rats and cockroaches. But only because we let them.) I'm just happy the giant beavers aren't around to flood our road every spring.



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Raisin' hell

This morning, as I was listening to the breakfast news report on wars, economic turmoil, senseless violence, and rampant crime, I realized something was horribly out of whack.

I don't know how we got here. I don't know who's responsible. All I know is that it shouldn't be this way. There shouldn't be this many raisins in my breakfast cereal.

Unfortunately, this is a symptom of the stressful times we live in. We are rapidly losing balance in the universe. This revelation came to me with my first bite, as the wholesome bran goodness was overcome by a tyranny of dried grapes.

Hold it, I thought, this can't be right. Perhaps, by some fluke of nature, my spoon has picked up a disproportionate amount of raisins. But, alas, my next spoonful quashed that innocent delusion. The raisins were taking over.

Maybe I'm being naïve, but I long for the old ways. Am I the only one who still remembers that, long ago, when this crazy partnership of raisins and bran was first enacted, there was harmony?

One complimented the other.

True, those were much more innocent times. Back then, raisin and bran worked together for the greater good. And sophisticated palates, such as mine, instantly recognized that here was something we could sink our teeth into. This, we proclaimed, was a winning and balanced combination filled with nutrition!

So where did it all go wrong?

I suspect the downfall was a result of a soaring ego. Someone probably told the CEO of an international raisin conglomerate that his product

was, by far, the best part of any raisin bran. This, I imagine, gave him the nerve to demand the placement of even more raisins in each box. It was all part of the excess of the '90s.

Of course, had all this nonsense stopped at two scoops, we might be discussing lesser issues right now. But sadly, it was not to be. The cereal I consumed this morning was overrun with raisins – instead of being pleasant little surprises to hang my hopes and dreams upon, they become nuisances that got caught in my teeth. It was clearly too much of a good thing. You can only imagine my distress.

More than anything, I believe that this counters that tired old suggestion that we North Americans are spoiled and don't know what hardship is. Even as I write this, I can hardly shake the memories of the excessive sticky, sweetness that I was subjected to. Quite frankly, I doubt I ever will.

The box said 40 per cent raisins. Who gave them the right to push the envelope like that?

You're darned right I'm mad. This is not some game. They're messing with one of the great breakfast cereals. Let them get away with this and soon will have more corn in our flakes.

Why is it that the marketing people believe that to make something better you have to abandon all subtlety and dignity? Surely, they can see that this only works in a column like mine.

If you ask me the excessive raisins are an ill-disguised front for some international grape dehydration cartel. If this continues, the cereal people will go the way of the razor blade people who already provide us with two more blades than are required by any person who doesn't make their living showing off their beard in a circus.

Mark my words – if we don't stop this now, you soon won't be able to buy a cereal with less than 45 per cent raisins. There, I said it.

About now, many of you are calling me an alarmist. You're saying this will never happen. They've got what they wanted. Well, they said the same of Sir Winston Churchill as he cried out warnings from the political wilderness.

There's only one thing to do here. Later this morning, I'm buying a big cereal box of bran flakes. Then, I'm emptying my 40 per cent raisin bran in a huge bowl and dumping the pure bran on top. After that, I will mix them and repackage it so that I have two boxes of 20 per cent raisin bran, just as the good Lord intended.

This might not sound like a big step but it gives me a raisin d'être.



pic of the past

In the old days they called it a Calithumpian parade. This photo, taken in 1920, shows a parade winding its way up Maple Avenue in the village of Haliburton. The white cement bridge was erected in 1912 and the Reid House above and to the left of the lumber piles was built by Russell Reid, circa 1873, now at the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Glebe Park. On the left side of the bridge, the present location of Kennedy Sport and Tackle, was an outdoor skating rink which was built and operated by the late Charles Thayer. The barn at the extreme right of the photo has been extensively renovated and is now part of the Halco Plaza.

letters to the editor

Volunteer says thanks for memories

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the merchants and people who supported me over the years when I was asking for pledges for Extencicare's wheelchair rally. I got a nice warm feeling from how nice every-

one was. I am going to miss being involved in this worthwhile fundraising project. I hope everyone continues to support the rally.

Robert Burns,
Haliburton

Haliburton Village is getting too bright

To the Editor:

For over 50 years, wilderness has been part of the appeal to me of our cottage on Grace Lake.

Sunday night I spent several hours outside, enjoying the cracking of the ice and nearby howling of wolves while I tried to photograph zodiacal light. This is a faint glow in the west a few hours after the sunset glow is gone. This reflection off dust in the solar system is best seen on dark moonless March evenings.

Sadly, the wilderness north of Wilberforce was no longer dark. A manmade dome of light to the west covered up the faint pattern I wanted to record with

my camera.

Twenty kilometres due west of Grace Lake lies the town of Haliburton. The sky glow from there has got much brighter in the past few years.

Some towns wanting to preserve the darkness have passed light pollution bylaws. These rules require safe efficient lighting, but in ways that reduce unwanted stray light.

I ask our politicians to try to preserve another part of the wilderness which makes Haliburton so wonderful.

Ron Macnaughton
Bolton

Don't take our local programming away

The following letter was first sent to MP Barry Devolin. It has been edited because of space constraints.

Dear Mr. Devolin:

I'm writing to ask your government to reinstate the CBC workers.

Last fall the PC government delivered a financial statement planning to sell off government assets and reduce the bargaining rights of public sector employees. The public and the opposition parties rose up in a fury and your party almost lost its leadership position. Your party had to make apologies

and write a new budget stating you'll help Canadians get jobs.

Then, bingo, your party has laid off 800 workers at the CBC (eight per cent of CBC's workforce.) It is contradictory to the need for employment in this country.

This huge layoff is going to diminish the quality and quantity of local programming. Weakening the CBC gives a greater opportunity for U.S. programming to fill its space. Where will our news come from?

Gay Bell
Eagle Lake

Health services backs community's response to potential loss of bed

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an advisory committee. Along with the recommendation of closing the obstetrics unit, it brought forward the idea of "one acute-care network" where all patients in the LHIN could be served for almost all ailments within the region.

Rosebush said this concept was a good one that would vastly improve services to residents of the county.

"We no longer will operate as a separate entity, we'll operate as a system that offers more comprehensive services and access to services ... We see that as an advantage," he said.

Accordingly, the board passed a resolution that supported the concept of one acute-care network, but not all of the recommendations of the report.

"I think from a community standpoint, losing the OB service here would be a pretty negative move," said board member Terry Hicks.

Hicks said he spoke with many people before the board meeting to get a sense of community sentiment and there was very little support for the recommendation.

"I'm not a great fan of central planning and that is what this is," said board member Doug Gilpin. He said that the plan would see most services urbanized,

increasing transportation costs for county residents.

Rosebush said he would advise the LHIN of the potential high costs involved with transporting patients back and forth to Scarborough and Oshawa.

"The [clinical services plan] clearly improves access to services, but again, it doesn't address at all the deficient transport mechanisms and the impact on cost because of that and also the HR factor that if we have to send patients out we have to send them with an escort ..." he said.

Dr. Norm Bottum, who was appointed to the board as president of medical staff at the meeting, said that an alternative obstetrics model was already in the works when the LHIN released its report.

The new model was to have Bottum and midwife Rebecca Weeks-Toth work together on deliveries and would see Weeks-Toth run educational sessions with nurses in obstetrics. There was a group of about seven nurses looking forward to that instruction, Bottum said, but it is now on hold until the ruling of the LHIN comes back.

The report to the LHIN had recommended removing the obstetrics bed because Bottum is the only doctor available to deliver babies, most of the nurses aren't well versed in the practice and the numbers of

births (about 10 a year) aren't enough to keep staff in shape.

The community and hospital staff has challenged many of those reasons since the report was released.

"We know the safety record here ... We know over the years that the delivery record here is very good and safe," said chief of staff, Dr. Steve Ferracuti.

Rosebush did report, however, that when he met with nursing staff they "overwhelmingly" supported the recommendation to remove the bed because they didn't feel comfortable assisting with births.

Bottum reiterated that the nurses would feel better with deliveries if Weeks-Toth was allowed to give lessons on obstetrics.

Hicks suggested that if the midwife is allowed to work alongside Bottum the numbers of births done in Haliburton would probably increase, eliminating another reason given for shutting down the bed.

The LHIN is accepting feedback from any community member on the clinical services report until April 19. Go to www.centraleastlhins.on.ca for more information. You can also call 1-866-804-5446, email centraleast@lhins.on.ca or send a letter to 314 Harwood Ave. S., Suite 204A, Ajax, ON, L1S 2J1.

HEAD LAKE CONTEST Deadline is Friday

Don't forget that you have until this Friday at 5 p.m. to guess when the last ice cube will melt from Head Lake. You can drop off your entries in the When Will The Ice Melt on Head Lake? Contest at the Echo office, the big blue house overlooking Head Lake, email them to classifieds@haliburtonecho.ca, fax them to 457-3275 or mail them to Box 360, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0.

Please remember to tell us the day that you think the last ice cube will melt from the lake, the time of day, and your telephone number.

The person who makes the best prediction will win a subscription to the Echo for a year.

Youths charged

Five local youths have been charged with numerous offences in relation to several break and enters in the Fort Irwin area.

On March 19 the Haliburton Highlands OPP received a report of a break and enter on Dunn Road. As a result of that investigation officers discovered that three other Fort Irwin area properties had also been broken into. Several of the residences were damaged by the suspects.

A scene of crime officer also attended the scene and assisted in the investigation.

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We are anticipating the renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program, therefore, The Haliburton County Development Corporation is accepting applications from businesses, sole proprietors and organizations for activities that will support local economic development.

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May 8th, 2009

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April 24th, 2009

Looking for Skills Development and Training?

Funding is available through the Skills Development Fund to assist local businesses, sole proprietors, business associations and social enterprises with skills development and training for employees and owners.

Application deadline
May 22nd, 2009

Working on a Business or Marketing Plan?

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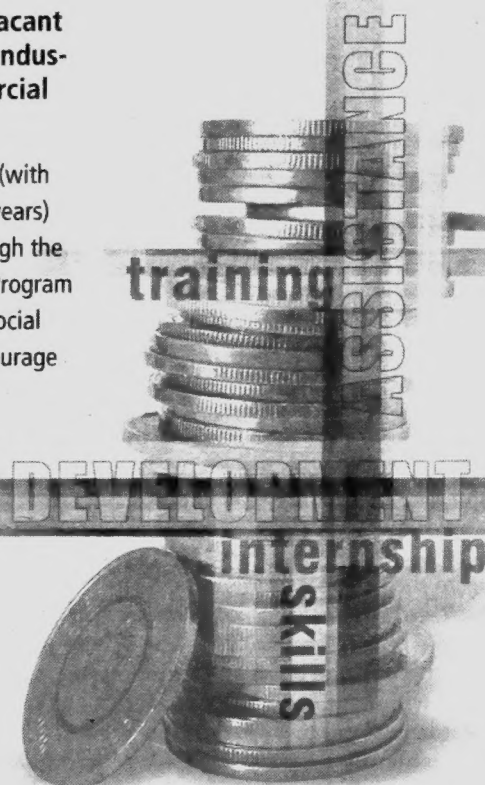
Interest free loans (with terms of up to 10 years) are available through the Access to Capital Program for businesses or social enterprises to encourage development.

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Families get rebate to offset harmonized taxes

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puts," or items they purchase needed to produce their goods. Previously, only GST rebates were available.

The province will be saving half a billion dollars with the harmonization because now the federal government will be administering the tax.

Consumers across Ontario haven't all rejoiced in this plan, which will be implemented July 1, 2010, because many services will now be subject to both taxes whereas only GST used to apply.

For example, next summer a haircut will cost eight per cent more, as will an oil change at the mechanic's shop, buying a new home, or filling up the tank in your

car. Some items will remain PST-free, such as books, baby diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Johnson said he was worried that these increases would disadvantage some people, but because the province is also giving out tax relief cheques at the same time, the plan is sound.

"My concern was there will be a number of [things that] will be taxed that weren't taxed before [and] what kind of protections do we have for those who can least afford that?" he said.

"On top of the Ontario child benefit, which is increasing this year, the \$260 a month that they're talking about for the neediest families per person [will] help offset the cost of the PST ... [In addition,]

the \$1,000 payments that are going to help people transition to the new tax," he said.

Johnson pointed out that \$1,000 (which will be sent to families earning \$160,000 or less a year) represents \$11,000 worth of purchases. Singles will receive \$300 each.

The timing of the harmonization has also been criticized. Thomas Walkom of the *Toronto Star* wrote in his column on March 27, "The problem ... is timing. The worst recession since the Depression is not the time to discourage people from spending. Yet that is what this reform does."

Johnson said that there is no "right time" for harmonization and that it's something that had to be done, for the sake of small business.

"There's never a good time, but as we try to pull out of the recession and as the government moves forward and the economy moves forward businesses will be in a better position.

"If businesses are saving money and think this is a good thing, it'll help them. Then hopefully it will help them expand their businesses as well," he said.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce

came out in support of the tax harmonization, as did the Council of Ontario Construction Organizations. The Ontario Home Builders' Association also gave cautious support to the deal in a press release that notes the rebates are the saving grace of the plan.

Johnson is in the process of organizing his first local economic summit.

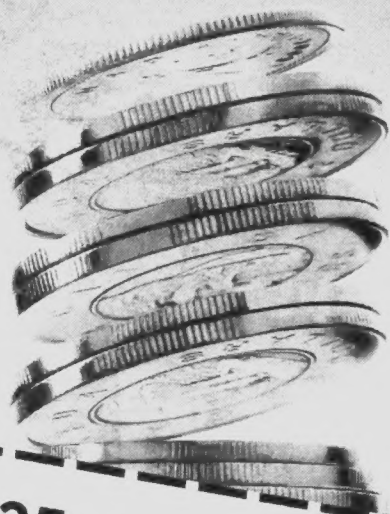
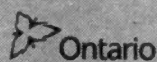
He said that people here could access many of the government grants announced – such as the ongoing support of a \$20 million yearly eastern Ontario development fund – if they get the right information. He's hoping his summits will help with that.

He also defended the budget's unprecedented \$14.1 billion deficit, saying there was nothing that could be cut in order to lower that figure.

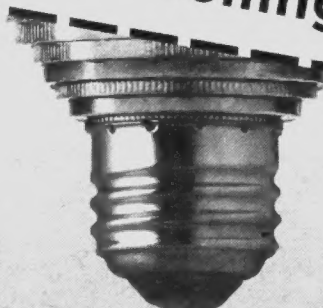
"What are the alternatives? Where would you cut in health care right now? Where would you cut in education, in public service?"

The budget will be debated over the next few weeks in Queen's Park before it is finally passed.

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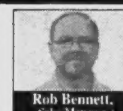
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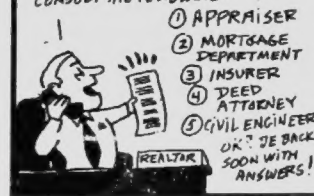
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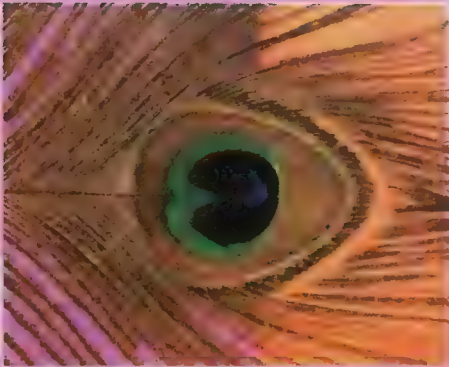
In appreciation of the service that the Dysart et al volunteer firefighters provide, Haliburton Forest has donated the proceeds from this year's snowmobile poker run to the fire department's equipment fund. Dave Bishop of Haliburton Forest recently presented a cheque for \$9,200 to fire chief Miles Maughan and other firefighters. This was the 20th anniversary of the popular snowmobile event. In previous years, a total of \$100,000 was donated to Haliburton Highlands health Services. It's not yet known what the money will be used for.

Police charge ATVer with impaired driving

A 34-year-old man from Highlands East has been charged with impaired driving after the Haliburton Highlands received a complaint about the operator of an ATV in Highlands East. Police received the complaint shortly after 2 p.m. on Saturday. Officers located the ATV a short time later on Brucker Road. The driver was arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands detachment. He will be appearing in Minden court on May 6 in relation to the charges.

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DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION

Ontario moves to true community living

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Maureen O'Hara is happiest when the resource centre at Community Living in Haliburton is quietest.

It's not because she likes the silence. For her, it's what the silence represents that is important.

If there's no one in the resource centre, that means that the people the centre serves are out in the community.

This Thursday, institutions for the mentally challenged will fall silent across the province. The last residents are being moved out of the institutions and into communities – where, O'Hara says, they belong.

"We've been working on this for 25 years," says the excited executive director. "That's why organizations such as Community Living started, because parents wanted their children to stay at home and

be part of the community.

"This move is to the credit of Community Living. Haliburton has been part of it too."

Although none of the residents still living in institutions will be moving to Haliburton, some of the 50 people served by the agency lived in institutions that had previously been shut down. For most of them, living in an institution had not been a happy experience.

In Haliburton, Community Living supports five people living in the group home, 10 in the independent living program, 20 through the community participation program and 16 through other programs such as Building Bridges.

It also provides eight hours of support a day to a gentleman living at Hyland Crest because he has health issues that need to be addressed.

"This community has just been amazing," O'Hara says of the support the agency has received over the years. "We

have the most welcoming community for everybody."

The sign over the resource centre is about to change. It will include the new slogan, Inspiring Possibilities.

"We say, 'What would you like to do,'" O'Hara says. Instead of forcing the people served to fit into a certain program, Community Living focuses on finding the activities – a job, volunteer opportunities, recreational pursuits – that the individuals want. The goal is to be person-centred.

It's important, O'Hara says, to help them

learn how to do things. That can be done in a more formal way through the various programs or spontaneously.

One resident, Helen, always wanted to learn how to read. At 57, she learned how to read a children's book, and then she went to the elementary school to read it to the youngest students. It made her feel part of the community.

Taking away barriers to happiness is a primary goal of Community Living. By finding connections in the community, that's often possible.



The resource centre at Community Living is a little community unto itself. On Friday morning, Stan Packard and Donna Jones got creative, enjoying the opportunity to show support worker Patty Acorn their work, while Justine Pearsell looks on.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

James Meldrum tells support worker Patty Acorn what he's up to.

MICHAEL BARNES

New book explores all facets of Haliburton County

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Readers are taken for a journey through Haliburton County's past and explore everything that makes it such a vibrant place today in Michael Barnes's new book.

Haliburton in Highland Ontario is a compendium of information about the Highlands. It has a wide-ranging focus, taking in everything from who first settled in the area, including nomadic aboriginals, its municipal structure, tourism industry, recreational opportunities and vibrant arts culture.

You can use it as a guide for your own road tour or be an armchair traveller who wants to know more about the Highlands.

Barnes launched the book on Thursday night at Delta Pinestone Resort. It complements his previous books on the Highlands, including *Essential Haliburton*

– *Discover Highland Ontario*, which has sold out of its 3,000-copy print run. He told the 40 people gathered that his dream is to convince a publisher that Haliburton County deserves a coffee table book.

Before he started writing the book, Barnes intended to have a small section on history but the more he read the other books about Haliburton's past, the more fascinated he became. He found himself wanting to know the answers to "Why did people come and why did they leave?"

He stressed that he's received no money, whether from government sources or otherwise, for the book. His only form of payment will be royalties from the sale of the book, which will have national distribution.

"I did it because Haliburton County needs it," he said.

The book is available at local bookstores. For more information on Barnes and how to order his books online, visit www.barnes4books.com.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Tim Sharpe, Pat Bonnell, Betty Sharpe and Burr Bonnell are fascinated by their home county so they attended the book launch of Michael Barnes's latest book, *Haliburton in Highland Ontario* at Delta Pinestone Resort on Thursday night.

CAMP OF EXCELLENCE

Medeba three-peat as best workplace

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

For a third straight year Camp Medeba is one of the Best Christian Workplaces in Canada.

The American-based organization Best Christian Workplaces Institute and its Canadian counterpart, the Canadian Council of Christian Charities gave the West Guilford outdoor centre the coveted distinction.

Steve Archibald, the camp's current general director and a 20-year Medeba veteran, said in order for an organization to be recognized it must complete the BCWI employee engagement survey and meet a predetermined standard of excellence set by the BCWI.

The 2009 survey involved 11,869 full-time employees in 124 organizations across North America. At Medeba, 11 full time staff members answered the survey with questions regarding job satisfaction, supervisory effectiveness, personal growth and development, teamwork, pay and benefits, and of course as a Christian camp, Christian witness.

"We're first humbled by that confirmation," Archibald says of the award. "We're a small organization but we try to have a world impact by what we do and certainly as a Christian organization we want to effect change in young peoples lives. That's our mission, our vision so that we can move people to become effective in their lives."

So what makes Medeba such a great

place to work?

"I think a lot of it is the people that are here and how we create a culture that treats and works with the year-round staff," said Archibald. "It starts with the idea that we really value them and we will do what we need to do to make that team work."

Archibald said creating a good workplace is not rocket science. While books and guides explore how to manage and treat staff, he said the challenge is implementing those skills - to take the time and to do what Medeba already knows is right.

Keys to Medeba's success were outlined in the BCWI press release: "What makes Medeba unique is that their staff are included in decisions that affect them. Also, there is a high level of trust between staff and senior leadership."

Among the top 10 list of positives in the survey at Camp Medeba's were trust, communication, management and engagement of employees in their role.

On a scale of five - five being strongly agree and one being strongly disagree - Medeba averaged 4.6 out of five. The camp also scored the highest average in Canada and tied for third across North America.

Camp Medeba was established in 1952 and today runs as a summer camp, a leadership training centre, an outdoor education centre, and a retreat centre.

In the summer Camp Medeba welcomes about 70 staff, whom Archibald says are treated with the same respect as the year-round staff.



Last year's Camp Medeba Best Christian Workplace award is proudly displayed.



The 2009 Camp Medeba fulltime staff; in the back row, left to right, are Amanda Pyl, Bruce Dunning, Steve Archibald, and Jodie Langermann. Middle row, from left to right is Alison Bangay, Ken Stevens, Nathan Johnson, and Andrew Bain. Front row from left to right is Joanne Pyl, Glenda Dunning, and Courtney Rumble.

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What a splash!

Sir Sam's Ski Area ended its ski season with a splash on Saturday. The annual Spring Splash dares people to see if they can ski across a rather large puddle at the bottom on the slopes. Crowds gather to cheer the more than 1,000 participants on. The Sanford family robots, above, won the prize for best costume. Robin Hogarth won \$390 in the duck race and Sir Sam's Ski Patrol and CADS program split the other \$390.

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Provincial honours

The HHSS Red Hawks returned from the OFSAA boys' curling championships with bronze medals – the best results Haliburton has ever received. The boys lost a game to Geraldton, excluding them from the gold medal game, but came out on top in a match with Etobicoke placing them third in all of Ontario. Proud coach Tom Dibblee stands with the team of Owen Duhaime, Jesse Walker (second), Curtis Nichol (vice) and skip Connor Duhaime. See Wednesday's *Minden Times* for the full story.



Vice Curtis Nichol of Haliburton lines up a shot in the provincial championships.

Junior hockey team does well

The Junior Red Hawk hockey team won the A Consolation Championship at the Cobourg Thunder Junior High School Hockey Tournament. In Game 1 the Red Hawks defeated I.E. Weldon by a score of 4-3 in overtime. Scoring for Haliburton were Aaron Hillier and Ian Bottum with the hat trick. In Game 2 the Red Hawks lost 6-0 to Bishop MacDonnell. In Game 3 the team defeated St. Mary's in a shootout by a score of 2-1, with goals from Mark Vasey and Ian Bottum. In the final game the Red Hawks defeated Port Hope by a score of 6-3, with goals from Mark Vasey, Ashton Haley, Brett Yake, and a second hat trick from Ian Bottum.

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PETES LOSE

Hodgson leads Battalion's win

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Peterborough – blame it on Haliburton.

On Thursday night, the hockey season came to an end for the Peterborough Petes. In four straight games, the Brampton Battalion surged ahead, pushing the Petes out of the Eastern Division quarter-finals with decisive efficiency.

Leading the charge was captain Cody Hodgson, who began his hockey career as a Haliburton Huskie. Hodgson still spends his summers in Haliburton along with his Battalion teammate Matt Duchene.

Their Haliburton fans took advantage of the close proximity of the third and fourth games of the series to drive to Peterborough in droves to cheer on the Battalion.

The cheering might have inspired the team but it's clear they were already determined to finally advance to the semifinals.

Hodgson led the series' tally with three goals and eight assists, including the game-winning goal in Game 4, for 11 points. Peterborough was the scene of his first OHL goal back in 2006. Duchene had four goals, tying Evgeny Grachev for the team lead, and four assists for eight points.

On the Battalion website, Duchene says, "The Petes worked really hard. Their guys were really going, and they were tough to contain in the third period."

CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT/Special to the Echo



Peterborough Petes' Tony Romano loses the puck between Brampton Battalion's Matt Duchene, left, and Matt Clark during Game 4 OHL Eastern conference quarterfinal action at the Memorial Centre on Thursday, March 26. The Petes were defeated 3-2 and lost the series, four straight games.

Hodgson adds, "It was a tough series, and the Petes fought really hard. But we stuck to our game plan and stayed calm and didn't let their comeback faze us."

The Battalion was the only team in the conference to advance with four straight wins.

The Battalion's website says the team will open a best-of-seven conference semifinal Thursday. Possible

opponents are the Ottawa 67s, the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors, Barrie and the Sudbury Wolves.

Meanwhile, Duchene and Hodgson are enjoying a little fun competition off the ice. They're trying to see which one can earn the most pledges for a fundraising campaign for a children's hospital in Brampton.

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Wilberforce Curling Club ends season

community news

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Hilda Clark
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Curling at the Wilberforce Club is over for this season. Leagues have completed play. The final bonspiel was greatly enjoyed this past Friday evening and Saturday, March 27 and 28, by eight teams of men. It was great to welcome teams from Bancroft, Haliburton and Minden to this 'spiel.

Congratulations to the Haliburton team of Al Carr, Jim Pollard, Mike Clewlow and Dave Blakey which topped the score board. In second place was the Wilberforce team of Brian Monahan, Doug Stephen, George Calfas and Ron Roberts. In third place was a Bancroft team of Mel Hallin, George Forsyth, Bud Schramm and Ken Korst. Prizes went to the top three teams.

Not far out of contention in fourth place was the Murray Cooper rink from Minden with Richard Hansen, Ross Petch and Warren Payne. The Wilberforce "fathers and sons" team of Blaine and Taylor Lewis with Gary and Tyler Casey played very well in the tournament winning one game and doing well in the other two. They placed fifth. Tyler and Taylor are in the junior grades at the Wilberforce School and have been keen participants in curling lessons that are provided each winter at the club.

Other teams taking part and having a good time included the Fred Simmons team from Minden, the Ron Barr team from Haliburton and the Wilberforce team of Frank Matys, Chris Stickland, John Teraivenan and Bob Saunders.

The bonspiel was well convened by Blaine Lewis. Many thanks to him and to all who helped with everything including the delicious evening meal. There were many generous sponsors for the spiel. They are very

much appreciated.

The loonie lunch at St. Margaret's Church on Thursday, March 26 was well attended. The soups were hot and tasty. The cakes and cookies satisfied those with a sweet tooth. Many lingered for pleasant visiting in the warm cosy room well away from the rain outside.

Craft tables are being booked up quickly for Maple Fest at the LWMC on Easter Saturday. Call Kathy Rogers if you would like to book one. There will be lots of folk out enjoying the annual pancake breakfast/lunch from 9 to 2 that day.

The Haliburton Concert Series got off to a fine start on Saturday, March 28 at the Northern Light Pavilion in Haliburton. Andi Alexander, soprano and Peter Alexander tenor delighted the receptive audience with their program entitled "Opera With A Twist." Accompanied by pianist Karen Lee-Morlang, this talented threesome who are based in Vancouver provided a very entertaining program dramatizing a love story while singing appropriate pieces from operas such as Carmen. They included songs from popular musicals which they called "Popera." The costumes worn by Andi were striking and added dramatic appeal to the program. The brief commentary provided by Lee-Morlang kept the musical story rolling along and added a touch of humour to the show.

Among those well entertained by these accomplished musicians were a number of people from Wilberforce. Thanks again to the concert committee for bringing such fine music to the area.

Among those spotted at the concert was Jack Brezina who was recently named Highlander of the Year. Congratulations Jack. You are a well deserving recipient of this award.

Members of the Loop Troupe are hard at work, rehearsing on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings each week as they prepare for the spring production of *The Island Of Anyplace*. It will be presented on the Lloyd Watson Centre stage on April 24 and 25.

Feedback wanted

After the success of the 2008 Healthy Workplace Challenge, the Community Wellness Committee of Haliburton (CWCH) will be offering a workshop aimed at providing effective remedial support for employers and employees affected by the challenging economy in Haliburton County. If you are part of this group, your feedback is needed now.

How is the state of the economy affecting your workplace and you personally as an employee or an employer? Do you want and need advice, support, and direction on how best to move forward in this economic climate?

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The CWCH asks you to contact Stephanie Ratz, health promoter with HKPR District Health Unit, with any problems you and others in your workplace are experiencing at this time.

The CWCHaliburton is made up of volunteers representing local organizations with an interest in workplace wellness. The group aims to promote and sustain comprehensive workplace health and wellness throughout Haliburton County, and has been doing so since its inception in 2005.

When you provide the committee with economy-related problems that you are experiencing in your workplace, you will also be helping others through the creation of a workshop. The workshop is scheduled for June 2009, please show your interest by contacting healthyworkplaces@hkpr.on.ca. The deadline for your feedback is Friday April 3. Help us to help you to strive for a healthy workplace.

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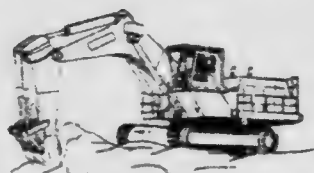
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The project is being planned as a Schedule B undertaking following the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

For further information on this project, please contact Mr. B. King, Project Manager, at the address noted below.

Public input and comments are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of this project. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed in the Fall of 2009.

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NOTICE

The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton.

2009/10 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10). (Membership from last year, 2008/09, will expire at the close of the Annual General Meeting on June 25, 2009.)

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. To be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2009 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 6, 2009. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

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Art Hive wants to know what you "found at the dump"

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Eleanor Cooper
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and floor refurbished. It is available now for rental. The first community centre dinner of the year is April 5. Call 754-2464 for details.

There is a discounted price available for people who wish to buy a ticket for all six dinners, rather than paying \$15 for each dinner.

Euchre scores on March 24 were Norma Crewson and Nick Biljetina with high scores, Eva Howe and Cliff Davison with low scores, and lone hand scores went to Jean Dutka and Bill Geddis.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-082/08
Applicant: Peter THYRRING
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 1-5, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-016/09 & H-017/09
Applicant: HARCOURT PARK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 5, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Lease
- File No. H-019/09
Applicant: Donald GILL
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 26, Concessions 7 & 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 31st day of March, 2009.

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Chess players check out competition

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Almost 300 hungry young chess players squared off at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board chess championships in Haliburton Friday, March 27. It turned out to be the most exciting district championship ever with only a few points deciding the winner of the coveted team trophy.

Teams from Pontypool to Bracebridge sent top performers seeking the right to attend the provincial finals in Toronto.

In Grade 1, the newcomers played off as Haliburton's Miki Bukta of Stuart Baker Elementary (SBES) in Haliburton cruised through the competition undefeated, while Nathan Cameron of King Albert in Lindsay was second, with Haydon Pounder of Langton Elementary coming third. All three received invitations to the provincial championships. With 27 players, this was the largest-ever turnout of Grade 1 players.

On the Grade 2 tables, Liam McAlister playing for Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden staged some

key upsets against the more highly ranked players and kept a perfect record. He was followed by a trio of Stuart Baker players: Bo Stevenson, Liam McCracken and Jocelyn Bretzlaff also earned berths at the provincial finals.

A huge pack of 45 players chased the Grade 3 trophy, with Sam Longo of SBES taking the crown in a dramatic final-round victory against David Moore of Muskoka Falls. Emily Klose, also of SBES, picked up third place.

Cameron Morrison of Langton P.S. in Bobcaygeon staged a three-peat championship victory in the Grade 4 division by check-mating Eugene Cho of Archie Stouffer in the last round. Eugene will be joined by teammate Chris Thompson at the provincials. Cameron's teammate Owen Pounder also qualified.

In Grade 5, Jack Tiller of Bracebridge Public School took home the hardware leaving top-ranked Zoe Orion of Lady MacKenzie in Kirkfield with second place. Harrison Wessel of Ridgewood in Coboconk will also join them along with Ethan Cooper of J.D. Hodgson Elementary (JDHES) in Haliburton.

Raymond Bunn of JDHES went undefeated to take the Grade 6 division while drawing one game. His unheralded teammate, Spencer Devolin, had gone undefeated through four rounds when he met Lady MacKenzie's Tao Orion in the fifth round. In a rash moment of excitement, Spencer brought his queen out early and carelessly parked his knight near the edge of the board. He went down to defeat, but earned a place at the provincials along with Griffin Lambert of Bracebridge Public School.

Grade 7 JDHES faced the final chapter in its quest to hold onto the team trophy. A weak showing in Grade 8 and Grade 4 meant that their players needed to hold onto every point. Sam Tyler was up to challenge and won five straight to pick up his first championship since his Grade 1 debut. Teammate Felix Scuhr picked up second place by drawing only one match. Sam Phillips of Rolling Hills in Pontypool took third and will join them at the provincials.

The Grade 8 field of 33 was a showcase of chess talent. Cole Gibbs of Bracebridge Public School took top honours. Angus Short took second for Coboconk and Ridgewood Public School. Emily Shapiera of ASES in Minden was third while Zack Maw of Rolling Hills took fourth place to the far south of the board.

JDHES has held a lock on the team trophy in recent years, but this year was the toughest ever. Teams from around the district were showing up with strong performances in all divisions, but the JDHES team prevailed.



Sam Miller watches fellow JDHES student Mikayla Stinson make her next move.



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Wilberforce student Brittany Lampman acted decisively.

Team standings

J.D. Hodgson E.S. 57.5	Ridgewood P.S. 42.5
Bracebridge P.S. 52.5	Lady MacKenzie P.S. 40
Langton P.S. 50	King Albert P.S. 31
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Good Friday, April 10

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9 a.m. Zion United Church, Carnarvon

11:15 a.m. Haliburton United Church

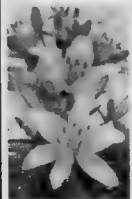
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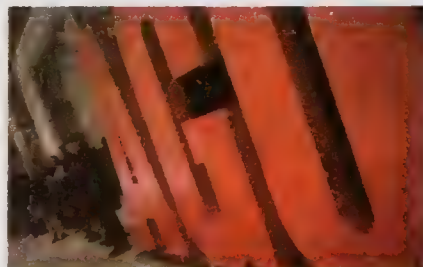
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April 30-May 30

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Frank Norman Sisson, (born September 28, 1927 in West Guilford, Haliburton), is now at peace. He passed Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Village at Erin Meadows in Mississauga after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Through his full life, Frank was a minister and a controller for Consolidated Trucking. More importantly, his contributions to local groups enriched the community and the lives of many. He was active on the boards of the Fine Arts Society of Milton, the Milton Horticultural Society, Milton Concert Presentations and much, much more. Frank was humble, caring and loved more than he could ever accept by so many who knew him. He will be sadly missed by Sean James and his many friends. At Frank's wish there will be no memorial service or funeral. Memorial contributions can be made to Milton Concert Presentations - PO Box 483, Milton Ontario L9T 4Z1.

Card of thanks

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Sandra Johnston would like to express their sincere thanks to so many during Sandra's illness and passing.

Thank you to Dr. Karl Hartwick for your devoted care to Sandra over the years; to Dr. Tina Stephenson for your prompt and excellent care. To Paramedics Don Stephenson and Randy Cox; thank you for your kindness and compassion during our road trip.

To all the wonderful nurses at the Haliburton Hospital, your professionalism and sincere concern does not go unnoticed. Each of you are heroes!

To Kirsten and Barry from the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, thank you for all your much needed help and such a memorable service.

To all of our friends, relatives, neighbours and co-workers who sent flowers, gifts of food, cards, phone calls and prayers! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

May God Bless each and everyone of you!



In memoriam

In memory of **Walter R. Brown (Wally)**
April 2, 2006

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And there forever you'll remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until in Heaven we meet again*

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Joyce Mary Gwen Dewey

(February 25, 1955-March 27, 2009)



Loving mother of Nikki, Loving grandmother of Summer. Predeceased by her father Frank Dewey. Sadly missed by her mother Alida Dewey, sisters Goldie Graham, Lavane Woodcock (Howard), Alida Franchi, Darlene Sharp (Del), and her brothers, Rien (Elaine), Carl (Gloria), Frank (Bonita), Jerry (Bonita). Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and her extended family. Cremation has taken place.

Visitation & Funeral Service

A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday afternoon, April 4, 2009 at 3 o'clock at **LAKE SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH** 9 Park St. Haliburton, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Liver Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705)457-9209

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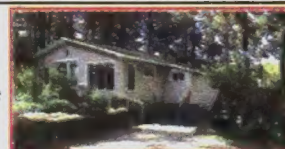
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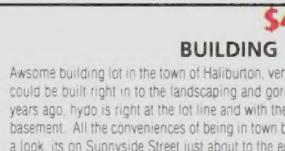
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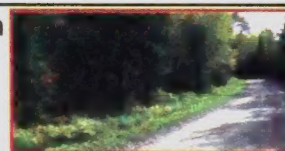
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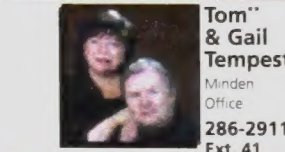
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